

what he finds in his expeditionary work in Africa, including the colorful world of insects which were found and photographed in Africa.

VANGUARD STAYS, NEW PHOTOS TO GO UP

CECIL TOSE, Curator of Exhibits at the Academy, said the popular exhibit featuring the U. S. Navy's Vanguard rocket in facsimile and showing the steps necessary to launch a satellite will remain on display throughout June. The Glenn L. Martin Company provided the exhibit which is in Lovell White Hall of Man and Nature.

An exhibit of photographs entitled the "Eastman Snapshot Contest," sponsored by the *San Francisco Examiner*, is also on display in the Hall of Man and Nature and, opening June 16, the *Examiner* will sponsor an exhibit of the prize-winning photographs entered in the annual Hearst news photographers' contest.

AQUARIUM GIVEN INANIMATE SPECIMEN

STEINHART AQUARIUM is constantly adding to its collection of fishes and reptiles which are placed on public view but its latest acquisition is not in the tanks but on the wall. It is a mounted specimen of the world's record big-eyed tuna, presented to the Academy and the Aquarium by Albert E. Schwabacher at a reception at the Aquarium late last month.

The tuna, which weighed in at 435 pounds, was caught by Dr. Russell V. Lee near Cabo Blanco, Peru, on April 17, 1957. It is now in place on the Aquarium's foyer wall to the right of the main entrance.

ACADEMY TO PRODUCE AMA PROGRAMS

ACADEMY DIRECTOR Dr. Robert C. Miller last month joined with Dr. F. J. L. Blasingame, general manager of the American Medical Association, and John G. Bill, president of Merck Sharp & Dohme, in announcing extensive radio and television coverage of the AMA's annual convention to be held in San Francisco June 23 to 27.

Ten radio and television broadcasts—to inform physicians and the public of the convention activities—will be produced locally by the Academy's Television Department, under the direction of Benjamin Draper, Executive Producer. The AMA and Merck Sharp & Dohme will cooperate in presenting the series.

The five television segments will be seen on KQED, Channel 9, and will open with an hour-long telecast Sunday, June 22, from 5:30 to 6:30 P. M. The remaining television segments will be seen on that channel from 5:30 to 6:00 P. M. Monday through Thursday. From Monday to Friday a fifteen-minute radio newscast at 7:30 A. M. will be heard over Station KROW, 960 kilocycles.

NEW MEMBERS

NEW MEMBERS who joined the Academy last month are:

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Thomas G. Bard
Dr. Walter Coulson
Mr. Guy Hopping
Sister Mary Benedict
Mr. Willis S. Slusser
Mr. O. D. Studebaker

Mrs. Karin Taylor

Dr. E. P. M. von Gehren

Mr. Handley Ward

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Muller

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

Sandra Galdieri

Frances Jackle

Friah Leuterio

Barbara Lippi

Brian Murray

Joseph L. Shaw

Tom Wilcox

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TERRAZZO WHALES HIGHLIGHT COURT

(Photo by C. E. Crompton)

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June Announcement

THE REGULAR JUNE MEETING of the California Academy of Sciences will be held at 8:15 P. M., Wednesday, June 11, in the May Treat Morrison Auditorium. Dr. Elizabeth McClintock, Associate Curator of the Academy's Botany Department, will present: "BOTANICAL GARDENS OF EUROPE"

Miss McClintock, Past President of the Strybing Arboretum Society and Secretary of the California Horticultural Society, has long had an intense interest in botanical gardens. Her lecture will discuss the history and development of these gardens and the purposes and functions they fulfill.

Some time ago Miss McClintock visited Europe with the express purpose of observing and photographing some of that continent's famous botanical gardens. Her travels took her to the gardens of Kew, Edinburgh, Paris, Geneva, Zurich, Vienna, Copenhagen and Upsala, and it is a description of these gardens, illustrated with many Kodachrome slides, which will highlight Miss McClintock's lecture.

In addition, she will mention how the development of European botanical gardens affected the development of botanical gardens (such as the Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Garden) in the United States.

Academy members and their friends are cordially invited to attend Miss McClintock's lecture on "Botanical Gardens of Europe."

WHALE FOUNTAIN DEDICATED

THE WHALE FOUNTAIN in the Academy's court was dedicated Sunday, May 25. Many San Francisco city officials and Academy trustees were in attendance and San Francisco's Acting Mayor Harold S. Dobbs made the dedication.

"Whales," the famed sculpture by Robert B. Howard, dominates the fountain which replaced the seal pool in front of Steinhart Aquarium. (See cover photo.)

Academy Director Dr. Robert C. Miller also spoke at the dedication ceremony for the fountain. The Academy, the San Francisco Art Commission and the San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission cooperated in the fountain installation.

ASTRONOMY SECTION MEETING

THE JUNE MEETING OF THE ASTRONOMY section will be held at 8:15 P. M., Wednesday, June 25, in the Student Lecture Room of the Hall of Sciences. Charles F. Hagar, Assistant Curator of Astronomy at the Academy, will conduct the meeting.

Hagar will lecture on "Relativity for the Layman" and will use slides for illustration. In describing the lecture, he said "The theory of relativity has been considered difficult to understand, but only because its predictions are difficult to believe, not because of any innate incomprehensibility. The lecture will be based upon a book by James A. Coleman and will be a simplified account, with illustration, of the history, theory and proofs of relativity."

LIBRARY ADDS UNUSUAL BOOK

ALMOST EVERYONE is familiar with the Portland vase, believed to have been created in the 1st Century, B. C., and owned since 1946 by the British Museum.

However, not too many persons are familiar with a rare and unusual book, recently acquired by the Academy Library, entitled "A Catalogue of the Portland Museum."

The catalogue was printed when the extensive collection, of both art and natural history specimens, of the Duchess Dowager of Portland was sold at auction in 1786, although the famous vase was not sold.

The catalogue is unusual, not only because of the thousands of specimens it includes, but because of its great value to systematists in that many of the shells included in the collections which were auctioned were named for the first time in the catalogue. This nomenclature, the work of Dr. Daniel Carl Solander, a student of Linnaeus, has been accepted and declared valid by modern systematists.

FROM HUBCAPS TO HAIRBOWS

ACADEMY MEMBERS are fully aware of the tremendously interesting collections maintained in the research departments of the Academy. There is another informal department which has a collection just as interesting in its own way.

It is the Lost and Found department, maintained in the main office, and while a look through the collection certainly does not add greatly to scientific knowledge, it is fascinating.

Besides a single large hubcap and several hairbows, the collection includes earrings, wallets, sunglasses, purses, scarves, sweaters, at least one flower vase, suntan lotion, place mats, cameras, hats and caps and other assorted items.

All items turned in are carefully tagged with the date and location they were found in hopes their owners will turn up to claim them.

ASTRONOMY COURSE UNDER WAY

CHARLES F. HAGAR, Assistant Manager of Morrison Planetarium, is teaching a course entitled "Astronomy for the Layman" and offered by the University of California Extension in San Francisco.

The course deals with the solar system, star identification, man-made satellites and space travel. Telescopes, slides, working models and field trips to the Planetarium will supplement the lectures. Interested persons may contact the University of California Extension Office, Ashberry 3-6000, local 8221.

ACADEMY DIRECTOR NAMED TO BOARD

DR. ROBERT C. MILLER, Director of the Academy, has been named a member of the Advisory Board for the Pacific Marine Station of Biological Science, located at Dillon Beach in Marin County, it was announced recently.

AFRICAN SLIDES TO BE SHOWN

ACADEMY MEMBERS interested in seeing a portion of the photographic work being done by the Academy-National Geographic Society expedition to Africa headed by Dr. Edward S. Ross, Curator of Entomology at the Academy, may attend a lecture entitled "Bug Safari" by H. Vannoy Davis.

Davis, a serious amateur photographer who joined the expedition in Central Africa for two months last year, will give the lecture at 8 P. M., Tuesday, June 10, at a meeting of the Oakland Camera Club at Chabot School, Chabot Road and Patton Street, in Oakland.

The lecture will include color slides showing what Dr. Ross looks for and